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n gets final OK on \$300 million project

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Following more than a year of negotiations, Van Buren Township officials have approved plans for the largest and most substantial commercial investment ever within their community.

With final approval last week from township planners, Visteon Corp. can now proceed with plans to build the \$300 million Visteon Village global headquarters on a swath of land stretching from I-275 east to Hannan Road, and from Ecorse Road south to Tyler Road.

Visteon, a Tier I automotive supplier currently headquartered in Dearborn, is already preparing the site for construction. Plans include the moving of about 3,500 employees to the new company headquarters during the second half of 2004.

"We've got some old, old business on the agenda," said Carol Thompson, planning commission director, prior to a brief presentation by Visteon last week.

Visteon representatives and township planners had been meeting since March 2002, negotiating their respective visions for the development, including design features, and zoning and tax concerns.

"I figured we spent at least 27 hours in this room (on the

Visteon project) since October 2001," said Bryce Kelley, Van Buren Township director of planning.

"It's certainly been quite a ride," said Pat Doher, vice president of the SmithGroup in Ann Arbor, the firm hired by Visteon to develop plans for the project.

Doher complimented township planners on their expertise and integrity, recognizing Kelley in particular. "His first thought is the community and I know that Visteon has that same philosophy," he said.

Absent from the approved plan are a pair of buildings that eventually could be part of the village and about 2,500 parking spaces. Commission members will review final engineering plans separately.

The cluster of buildings comprising the village will sit on the north side of a 37-acre lake on the site. Running through those buildings will be a Main Street that includes amenities for employees and the general public such as coffee shops, restaurants, a credit union, pharmacy, dry cleaners and other stores.

"It's an urban landscape with a village image," said Jim Luckey, architect for the project from the SmithGroup. "We wanted a village feel with pedestrian areas."

To capture that feel, Luckey and his fellow designers added pitched roofs, chimneys, dorm-



Members of the Ann Arbor planning firm SmithGroup, from left, Jim Luckey, architect; Mary Jukuri, site designer; and Pat Doher, vice president, review a model of Visteon Village following final site plan approval March 12. Photo by Pam Fleming

ers, bay windows and terraces to buildings throughout the development.

The largest building in the village will be similar to a city hall with a large lobby, cafeteria, administrative offices, training and a Visteon presentation area to highlight the latest Visteon projects.

Visteon has yet to receive approval for bicycle racks, benches, signage and other ele-

ments along Main Street.

"This project accomplished what we set out for our technology district and I hope that other companies follow suit," Thompson said.

Kelley said at the March 4 hearing that the arrival of Visteon in the township reminds him of the impact that Ford Motor Co. had on Dearborn.

"We don't have a Henry Ford living here but we have close to

the same impact in direct dollars to the township," Kelley said. "Plus, there are so many indirect benefits to the township. This is the kind of community image we were striving for."

Luckey noted that Visteon Village is currently one of the largest construction projects in the country.

"I really believe this is a unique example of architecture in the United States," he said.

Art of war Official's painting to hang in Beirut

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

With the United States on the brink of war with Iraq, thoughts of war surround us all.

For Romulus Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear, those thoughts are colored by memories of the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut in 1984.

It affected him so strongly that he expressed his thoughts about the bombing by producing a painting.

Now, after a chance meeting with a U.S. Army general this month, that painting will be on permanent display at the new U.S. Embassy building in Beirut.

Gear had the opportunity to meet with retired three-star U.S. Army General Charles E. Williams while he was in Washington, D.C., for the annual National League of Cities Conference, which he attends every year. At this conference,

local elected officials come from around the United States to discuss issues that pertain to all communities.

"We also share information with each other," Gear said.

Gear was able to meet Williams because his niece, Joyce Henderson, works for the State Department, and Gear was visiting her. She introduced Gear to Williams.

Williams is director of overseas building operations and his office is housed in the U.S. Department of State building.

During his visit, Williams and Gear discussed several issues from local to world affairs, including the City of Romulus.

"We also talked about the new United States Embassy that is currently being constructed in Beirut, Lebanon," Gear said.

As many may recall, in 1984, the Beirut embassy was bombed



Romulus Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear produced this painting depicting the 1984 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, shortly after the event. After sitting in his studio for almost 20 years, the work will be on permanent display at the new embassy in Beirut, which is currently under construction.

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Township speed controls approved by senate

Scott Spielman
Editor

Legislation that would allow townships a voice in speed limits came closer to approval last week when members of the Michigan State Senate unanimously approved a modified version of the bill.

Senate Bill 123 was approved 37-0 on March 12, and sent to the House Transportation Committee. Sponsored by Sate Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), it amends the process by which speed limits are set in townships. Currently, they are set by the director of the Michigan State Police and a County Road Commission, Patterson said. The process now includes a vote of the township board of trustees, too.

"I wanted to give my constituents the ability to share their knowledge and experience about the roads on which they drive," Patterson said.

The bill was modified slightly before it was approved. The original version said that an agreement of two of the three entities could make changes to speed limits. The version approved by the senate stipulates that the deci-

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sion must be unanimous, however.

Senate members also added a caveat for Wayne County, which doesn't have a road commission. Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano would appoint the county member of the speed limit board, according to The Michigan Votes web site.

Patterson said he was encouraged by the bipartisan support the bill received both in the committee and on the house floor.

Last week, the house version of the bill HB 4133, went before the House Transportation Committee, where State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack testified in favor of it.

"Decisions should be made by the people directly

affected," LaJoy said. "This is an important first step in giving township officials greater authority in transportation decisions."

Yack has long advocated for such a move. He said there are several roads within the township borders that could be revisited, as far as the speeds allowed on them. Roads in the western portion of the township still have the relatively high limits posted when there wasn't too much development out there. Since development has spread westward, he said it made sense to look at the overall road safety, as well.

He also said that township officials should be treated the same way as their city counterparts. Cities have complete jurisdiction over their roads, including their maintenance and upkeep, and can set their own speed limits.

"To limit township officials, staff and resident to the current practice is to treat them as second-class citizens," Yack said.

The bill was unanimously approved by the committee and sent to the house floor, according to LaJoy.

"I don't know if and when they'll take it up," Patterson said.

Westland man arrested in Plymouth theft

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township police officers have arrested a 20-year-old man and are seeking warrants against another in connection with a robbery last week at a township construction site.

Police say it was the work of an observant neighbor that helped them to apprehend Westland resident Joshua Douly, who has been arraigned for breaking and entering a construction trailer at Brookline and

Joy roads around 3:30 a.m. March 13.

Douly has been charged with stealing \$2,100 in tools, including three nail guns, a saw, a radio and an air compressor.

"Our officers did a good job of swooping in, doing a little foot chase, but a helpful citizen is the one to be credited," said Lt. Bob Smith.

Police responded to the scene after the resident called to report seeing two men in dark clothing walking away from a Dodge Intrepid and into the subdivision

with a pair of bolt cutters.

When police officers arrived, they watched as a pair of men hid near the trailers before fleeing on foot across Sheldon Road. Police gave chase and apprehended one of the men in a backyard, reports said.

The suspect told police that he was working with another man who owned the Intrepid, according to reports. Police found a pair of bolt cutters and a broken lock at the scene, where the door to trailer was hanging open.

Police staked-out the Intrepid

for an hour before impounding it, reports said.

Smith said police have spoken with the second suspect but have not yet received a warrant for his arrest.

"He's got an attorney and he's not cooperating with us," Smith said.

The man called in to the police department concerned about his car, reports said. He told police he had just completed a sentence in Oakland County Jail for stealing and "did not want to get in trouble."

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This Monday, March 24th through Saturday, March 29th, Carnahan Chevrolet of Ypsilanti will have 228 bank repos, lease returns and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and pass those savings on to their customers.

These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), factory auctions and other sources," Wayne Carnahan, owner of Carnahan Chevrolet said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately -

regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just a \$29 fee* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Carnahan. "To make these bargain even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick a car and pick a payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range of vehicle will be available, from luxury to 4x4s to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all-time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Carnahan said.

Auto Liquidators of North America has flown in extra sales and financial staff from these states to assure Wayne Carnahan Chevrolet's customers prompt, courteous service and the best finance terms possible. Carnahan said, "We will

have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2000 guaranteed value and customers are encouraged to bring their title or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

"The opportunity bargain-hunters have been waiting for is here, Monday through Saturday in Ypsilanti. Every bank rep and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making the payments. Customers won't find a faster, easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Carnahan said.

After the mega-sale ends on Saturday, March 29th at 4:00 p.m., Wayne Carnahan will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to (734) 481-0210. Wayne Carnahan Chevrolet is located at 770 James L. Hart Pkwy., Exit 183 off I-94, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

'The Tempest' brings virtual reality to stage

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

While the dialogue may be ancient—the technology is brand new, and the blending of the two is bringing a whole new dimension to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

There will be thunder, lightning and audiences will experience every aspect of a storm except the rain when the classic tale is presented at stage at Henry Ford Community College (HFCC) next month.

All thanks to technology.

Most individuals today are familiar with the concept of Virtual Reality (VR)—a computer-generated setting that seems to defy the laws of nature. This technology creates an environment nearly indistinguishable from reality—all manufactured by a machine.

Romulus resident George Popovich, director of theater arts at HFCC in Dearborn, is directing a production of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* using Virtual Reality 3D stereoscopic at the school.

The production will be shown nightly at 8 p.m. from April 2-26 on Wednesdays through Saturdays in the Adray Auditorium on the HFCC campus.

Popovich, a native of Monterey, CA, has lived in Romulus about 12 years. He has directed the theater arts program at HFCC since 1985, overseeing more than 300 productions. The *Tempest* has been one of the most challenging, he said.

"There are probably 50 people



Greg Kjolhede as Prospero and, in the background, Ariel, Henry Ford Community College first interactive digital actress. The two will star in William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, a 3D stereoscopic Virtual Reality production opening April 2. Photo courtesy HFCC

involved in the project because of the technology involved," he said. "An animator works on a computer at home. Then we capture the images for the stage. The virtual reality technology creates the objects and we can manipulate them in real time with a joy stick," he explained.

"The images on stage have a lot of depth because they're in 3D. It's fantasy, but it's got a telepresence," he said. "There's no way that traditional theater can compete with the type of effect we're able to produce."

Popovich said HFCC is one of two universities nationwide using VR technology in stage productions (the other is the

University of Kansas). He said he got the idea in 1992 when he saw *The Lawnmower Man*, a special-effects heavy movie about virtual reality. Two years later he began researching ways to bring VR technology to the stage.

He received three grants from the college Technology Investment Fund, totaling more than \$130,000.

He is also the director of the college Virtual Theatricality Lab (VTL). The program combines the technologies of stage, film, video and virtual components.

Popovich said the 1950s sci-fi B-movie, *The Forbidden Planet*, was actually a retelling of *The Tempest*, only without the

Shakespearean prose. His version of the play is similar to *The Forbidden Planet*, but using Shakespeare's phraseology.

The Tempest is actually an excellent choice for a play that uses Virtual Reality, because the story includes magic. In the first scene, the main character, Prospero, creates a storm with magic.

The play, said to be one of Shakespeare's more ambitious creations, involves many elements—love, betrayal, a murder plot and struggle for a kingdom.

Prospero claims he is the rightful Duke of Milan and that his younger brother, Antonio, betrayed him, seizing his title

and property.

Popovich doesn't necessarily believe that VR will take over stage performances in the future, which would likely eliminate the need for set designers.

"But it has a place in theatrical production," he said. "And the price is minimal because you're creating it on the computer."

For more information, visit the college Web site at <http://theater.hfcc.net>. Seating for *The Tempest* is limited. All seats are \$15.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office, F125 in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, or reserved over the phone by calling (313) 845-6478.

Police arrest 2 suspects in fatal shooting of robbery victim

Romulus police have arrested two suspects in connection with a fatal shooting last week at Nik's Bar and Grill at Merriman and Ecorse roads.

The victim, Cleophious Jerome Cooper, 27, of Detroit,

suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest around 2 a.m. March 12. Cooper was transported to Annapolis Hospital by family and friends and pronounced dead around 2:30 a.m.

Police said robbery could be a

possible motive for the shooting.

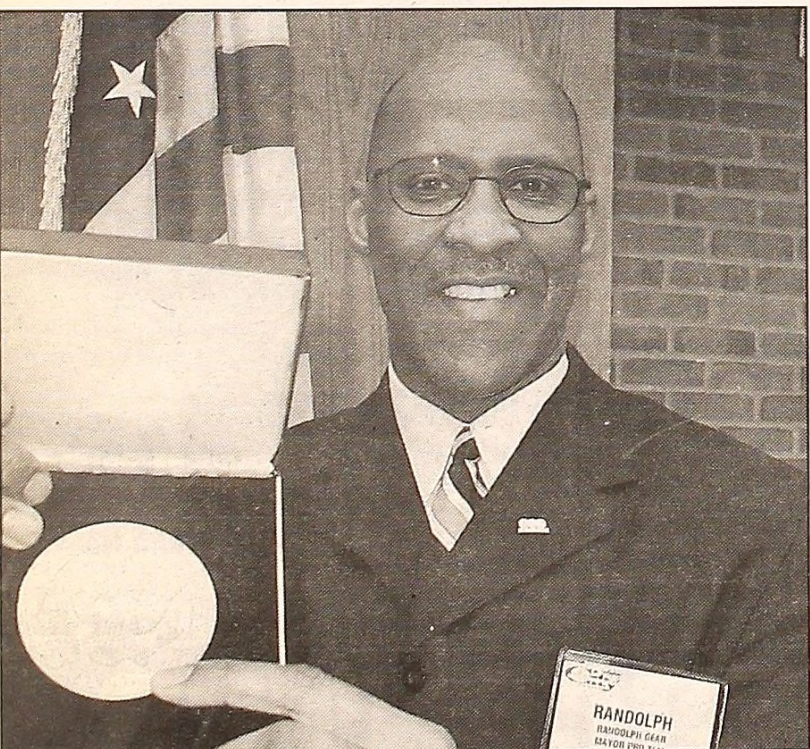
Early investigation suggests the victim may have had a necklace stolen by one of several suspects, according to police. They said the victim chased his killers into the bar parking lot, where he

was shot.

Police are still looking for other individuals who may have been involved in the shooting.

Anyone with information regarding this case may contact the Romulus Police Department

at (734) 941-8400 or the detective bureau at (734) 942-6879. An anonymous source has posted a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the shooting.



Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear holds a gold coin presented to him by U.S. Army General Charles E. Williams during a recent visit to Washington, D.C. The coin was minted in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the State Department overseas building operations. Photo by Pam Fleming

Art - Mayor pro tem's painting to hang in embassy

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in a terrorist attack, killing or wounding many United States Marines stationed there.

"I had a concern for the men and women who lost their lives in the compound. This was my way of showing my interest in what took place. It was my artistic statement on the event," Gear said.

Gear was a Detroit art teacher for more than 23 years and has been a painter throughout his life.

Gear's large painting depicts the aftermath of the bombing. The canvas features acrylic paints, cardboard and plaster, producing a three-dimensional effect.

"There's a cleanup crew, American Red Cross helicopters, ambulances, body bags and U.S.

"I'm very happy about it. I was proud that I was able to contribute a piece of artwork to represent my country."
Randolph Gear

Marines standing around in shock. The painting represents a balance between the human element and the rubble that remained," he said.

"After showing this painting in several art exhibits in the area, it remained in my studio for almost 20 years," Gear said.

The embassy, which had not been rebuilt since the bombing in 1984, is currently under con-

struction and should be completed in the next year or two, according to Gear.

Upon completion of the new embassy in Beirut, Williams said Gear's painting, titled "The Beirut Massacre," will hang in the new structure.

Gear said Williams promised that he would also receive an invitation to the grand opening of new embassy.

"I'm very happy about it. I was proud that I was able to contribute a piece of artwork to represent my country," Gear said about the painting.

Gear, who works as principal of Bates Academy, a public school in Detroit for gifted students, is also a U.S. Army reservist. A Sgt. 1st Class, Gear is stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard base in Mt. Clemens.

Area mourns Robert Archer

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

An active, 43-year resident of Belleville and former president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education died earlier this month of cancer.

Robert K. Archer, 81, died March 6 in Sarasota, Fla.

Among his survivors are his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth; a son, Jeffrey Archer, a history teacher at Belleville High School; his daughter, Lisa Archer Young, a lawyer; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Archer was born in Crosswell, a town in the Michigan thumb area. He was educated at Eastern Michigan University, where he received his bachelor's degree in education and was an active member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity.

He also served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-24 Navigator during World War II. His daughter said his plane was shot down over Yugoslavia in 1944 and Mr. Archer was temporarily missing in action. All the men in his squadron survived to return home, she said. A stone at the Yankee Air Force Museum grounds in Ypsilanti memorializes Mr. Archer and the members of his squadron.

Mr. Archer and his wife, Elizabeth (Betty), married in 1947

and moved to Belleville in 1960. He became a teacher at Dearborn High School while he attended the Detroit College of Law at night to earn his Juris Doctor degree, Young said.

Mr. Archer was a founding partner of the law firm of Archer, Kenney, Wilson and Cohen in Dearborn and was recently honored by the State of Michigan for completing 50 years of practice as a lawyer. He was also a past president of the Dearborn Bar Association.

Mr. Archer loved the Belleville community, Young said. He wanted to preserve the small-town atmosphere of Belleville and talked up the area to everyone, she said. He convinced many people to live in the area, according to Young.

"He would often say to people, 'Belleville is a great town. You should live there,'" Young said.

As the son of a farmer, Mr. Archer believed in the power of education to change a person's life, Young said of her father. He served as president of the Van Buren Board of Education in the 1960s, she said. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville.

"He was always somebody who wanted to help, whether it be the schools or his church," Young said. "He was always try-

ing to improve the community in any way he could," she added.

A memorial service is planned for May in Ypsilanti.

A tree will be planted in Mr. Archer's memory on his favorite golf course.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.



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COOP, Forestt
Forestt A. Coop, 78, of New Boston, died March 12.
Among his survivors are his wife, Rheta; children, Forestt A. Coop, Jr., Raymond R. Coop, Francie L. (Fred) Cordts; six grandchildren; a brother, and two sisters.
Mr. Coop was a veteran of WWII.
Funeral services with military honors were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

THOMPSON, James, C.
James C. Thompson, 83, of Romulus, died March 10.
Among his survivors are his wife, Norma J. ; sons, Jerry L. Thompson of Belleville, Larry O. Thompson of Hillsdale, and Kirk P. Thompson of Romulus; sisters,

Mary Ida Robins and Katherine Voils; five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.
Mr. Thompson served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and was retired from the Purelator Manufacturing Co. where he had worked for 34 years.
Funeral services were at Community United Methodist Church with the Rev. William Kren officiating.
Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

HAMPTON, Geraldine Annette
Geraldine Annette Hampton, 72, of Belleville, died March 14.
Among her survivors are her husband of 53 years, Robert James Hampton; sons, Michael (Sharon) Hampton of Arlington, TX, Steven

(Rhonda) Hampton of Ypsilanti, Douglas (Carol) Hampton of Belleville; a daughter, Karen Akano of Belleville, a brother David Snelson of Columbus, IN; a sister, Myra (Hugo) Penz of Albuquerque, NM; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Mrs. Hampton was a member and very active in the Altar Society. She was also a member of September Days Senior Citizens. Father Thomas H. Cusick officiated at the services.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.
GENZ, Geane N.
Geane N. Genz, of Belleville, died Feb. 25.
Among his survivors are his wife, Rose; a niece Rhonda Dudley and a nephew, Robert J. Adis.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

Charity auction seeking donations

Scott Spielman
Editor

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) is lending his support to the elimination of child abuse, and he's looking for more help.
Patterson said he's a member of the committee putting together a Cherish the Children fantasy auction, which is hosted by the Michigan Children's Trust Fund (MCTF).
"I'm donating time and auction items," said Patterson, who said he's looking for auction items from businesses within the 7th Senate District.
The event is a major fundraiser for the CTF, he said. It will consist of both live and silent auctions and take place at 5:30 p.m. on May 13 at the Jackson National Life Insurance Company in Lansing. Proceeds of the benefit will go the CTF, which strives to prevent child abuse and neglect in Michigan. More than 350 cases are reported each day in the state, according to the CTF.
"That's disconcerting considering

that there are undoubtedly many children in addition who are silent victims," Patterson said.
Already confirmed for the auction are a 20-seat corporate box at Comerica Park, complete with beverages; a spot on any two MTV shows, an opportunity to be a part of the pit crew at the July 28 Indy Race at Michigan International Speedway, along with two VIP passes to the event; a chance to suit up with a flight instructor and take part in an aerial dog fight and a Red Wing package.
The CTF was formed in 1982 and is the only statewide non-profit organization in Michigan dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Since the inception, the organization has generated more than \$60 million and supported more than six million children and families throughout the state.
For information and to donate to the auction, contact Kristin Rieber at Patterson's office. The toll-free number is (866) 262-7307. All donations are tax deductible.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 03-1

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the here-in described properties:

- 31905 Beverly (One Story Single Family Residence, Two Car Garage) 03A 16 LOT 16 BEVERLY ACRES SUB T3S R9E L69 P91 WCR
- 29487 Ecorse (Two Story Block Restaurant) 1 1A09 TO 11A12 LOTS 9 THRU 12 INCLUSIVE ECORSE CITY COMMUNITY SUB T3S R9E L 56 P 39 40 WCR
- 11030 Grover (One Story Single Family Residence) 20A49 50 BL5 LOTS 49 AND 50 BLOCK 5 ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY THE JUNCTION SUB BLOCK 5 T3SR9E L17 P34 WCR
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Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.
All weeds not cut by May 1, 2003 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.
Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such Land for such expense, Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.
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OPINION

Lead by example

Officials in the City of Inkster would do well to take a page from the book recently adopted by members of the Wayne City Council.

Acting on a recommendation from the Local Officer's Compensation Committee (LOCC), Wayne City Council members recently voted to reduce their salaries for the upcoming year.

The move to reduce their salary next year came barely more than a month after the willingness of the council members – and the unanimous vote – to completely forego their salaries for the remainder of this fiscal year. That means until June 30.

Both actions were spawned by budget cuts necessitated by reduced state-shared revenues, lower than expected interest income and a sluggish economy that saw inflation rise only 1.5 percent. They were also made in anticipation of cuts that needed to be made elsewhere in the city, from programs to personnel.

Wayne City Council members will be paid \$2,700 per year under the new plan and the mayor will receive \$3,060.

In Inkster, however, city council members continue to earn a rather large salary, considering that the city tops out at just more than 30,000 residents, which is only about 10,000 more than in Wayne. Council members there make more than \$7,000. Efforts to reduce that amount – sparked by councilman Earnest Hendricks – have received a rather lackluster response.

Taking a cut in pay for a job that many market as community service would go a long way toward showing real leadership. It would send a message that, if any cuts need to be made in the forthcoming bleak budget year, the council would feel them just as personally as the residents themselves.

And if these cuts aren't necessary, there are probably several elected officials in communities throughout western Wayne County wondering: what is the key to that?

The right man for the job

When Police Chief Emery Price retired from the Westland Police Department, there was a potential for a large loss in institutional knowledge.

Fortunately, the department had several people in place to take up where Price left off, and the department changed hands with scarcely a hiccup.

That's why it's always a good decision for municipalities to promote from within rather than go out on extended large-scale searches. When a high-profile position like the chief of police opens up, it can attract people from all over the state, if not the country. New Chief Dan Pfannes saw it to a degree when he first interviewed with the department, more than 20 years ago – he said he beat out more than 400 other applicants at a time when jobs were scarce.

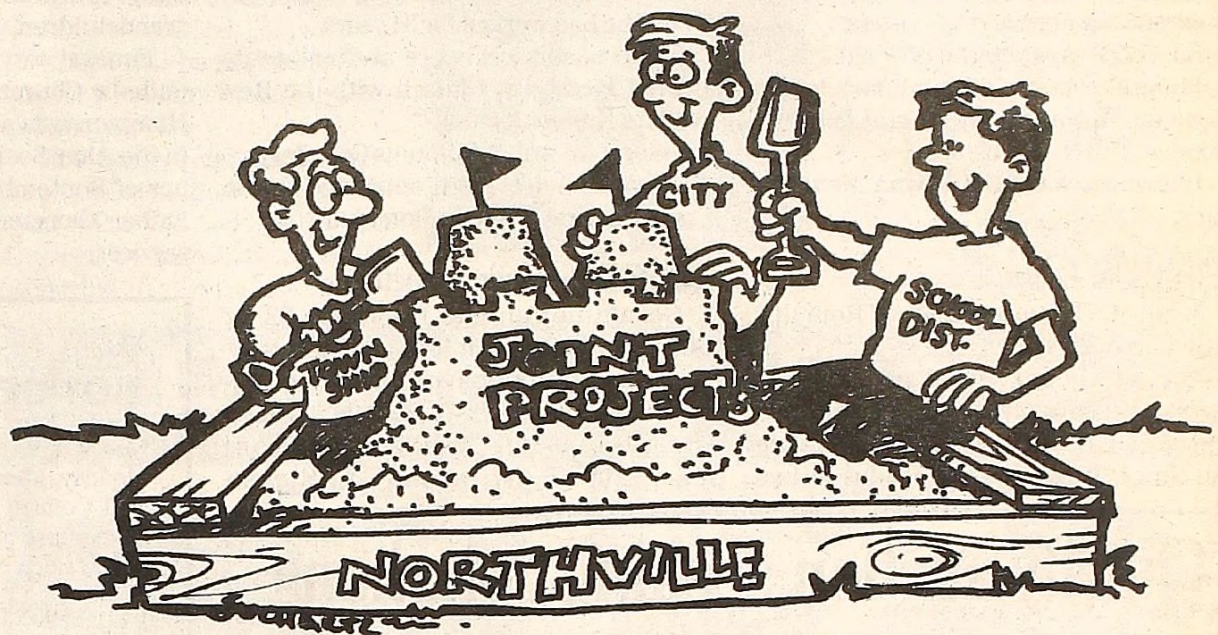
Pfannes is a good choice to follow in Price's footsteps. With less than a week on the job full time, and coming into a difficult budget year, he seemed at ease with the newfound responsibilities, even if he hadn't had a chance to organize his office yet.

And Lt. Mark Stobbe is a good choice to succeed him. He proved as the head of the detective bureau that he could handle multiple tasks at once, even if his everyday duties made him – in his own words – one of the busiest people in Wayne County. Heading up the patrol division, the largest portion of the Westland department, will not be any easier.

Another reason it is more beneficial to promote from within is the difficult-to-quantify boost in morale that it gives the entire department. There's a spirit of cooperation there fostered by the belief that, if you invest your time, effort and ideas into the department, the department will ultimately acknowledge that investment and your part in it.

It may be the policy of the city to promote from within, whenever possible, for just some of these reasons.

Whatever the cause, the City of Westland got the best people for the job, and we wish them luck in their new endeavors.



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It's a 'whale' of a good time

I've got a feeling about the Plymouth Whalers.

I think this year will be the one they'll go all the way, churning up their opponents in the Ontario Hockey League on their way to play for the Memorial Cup, which is the minor league equivalent of Lord Stanley.

The Whalers start their playoff run on Saturday, when they host the Owen Sound Attack at Compuware Sports Arena.

Obviously, they'll have to be successful in this first series if they want to build on another successful year. It might seem like a given, but as the saying goes, the first step is a doozie.

Sure, Owen Sound is a sub-500 team and the Whalers have one of the best records in the lead, but the Attack is a team that has had the Whalers' number this year, winning three out of their four meetings.

For anyone who hasn't taken in a game at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, it's an experience that shouldn't be missed. The facility is big enough to accommodate the minor league team, but still small enough to give everyone in the stands an intimate game experience. That

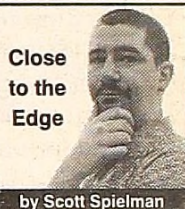
means the action can be dizzying at times – but when you're talking about the next generation of National Hockey League (NHL) stars battling it out for a spot on a major league roster, it's only logical that these youngsters would be on the ice giving it their all at every game.

Many weren't expecting too many good things from the Whalers this year. They surprised everyone last year with a better-than-expected regular season only to get upset in the playoffs.

The Whalers got off to a good start again this year, which is something Whaler Watchers have come to expect from the team, regardless of personnel or coaching staff. The finished the year near the top of the league and have amassed a few records along the way – specifically Chad LaRose's record-breaking 61 goals in a season.

Anyone wanting to experience play off hockey without the great expense of checking out the Red Wings should make a trip to Compuware to watch the Whalers in action.

The seats are cheap, as is the beer, and the atmosphere can't be beat.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Some tales as old as time

They met in New York City. She was beautiful and smart, born into a prominent Boston family. He, too, was the scion of a well-connected Massachusetts family. As the eldest son, he managed the family estate upon his father's death.

Louisa Dexter took a liking to Jonathon White. He was educated, confident and, well, sort of a swashbuckler. He spoke like a poet. How could a woman not fall under the spell of his honeyed words?

They married. She truly loved her silver-tongued orator, but she was no fool. Good thing, too, because he was in New York to invest his family's money. He was persuasive enough to make the necessary deals, but he lacked the talent to make them work. Because of his failures, his family had to sell their 200-year old estate. But there were too many creditors. Louisa refused to put her own modest inheritance at risk, so they did what many debt-ridden people did. They ran away. To Michigan, the land of swamps, mosquito swarms, and cheap land. He was 25. She was 24. It was 1831.

Louisa Dexter White was a fairly typical Michigan pioneer. Some women came seeking adventure. Most, though, followed husbands and families. Like most, she was strong enough to do what needed to be done to make a rough, dirty, previously uninhabited area not only livable, but alive.

Pioneer life made many women strong. With her inner strength, Louisa hit the ground running. Before she gave Jonathon a dime, she approved his

deal to buy a section of land where a sawmill was to be built. To ensure the mill's completion, she paid out money only when work was done. She could not own the land outright, but her name was on the deed alongside Jonathon's. Even so, everyone in town knew who the real owner was.

Life was not easy. They were pioneers, after all. She cut trees, split boards and lifted log after log as she helped build their log house. The sawmill later provided boards for them to make a proper house, big enough so the other seven members of Jonathon's family could move in with them after they sold the Massachusetts farm.

Making life more difficult for women were the times when the men were mustered for the Blackhawk and Toledo wars. The women worked the farms and businesses. They had to be strong enough to command the respect of potential lawbreakers in a territory where law enforcement officers were scarce.

Louisa was handy with a rifle. Mostly, she used it when the wolf packs came close and she could add to the family coffers with the wolf bounty money. Indians gave Louisa no trouble. There were no permanent or summer settlements within miles of the White's property, which bordered a major North-South trail. Once their property was cleared, how-



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by Russ Franzen

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The not-so-happy St. Patrick's Day

As a second-generation Irish American, I've grown to both love and hate St. Patrick's Day. I used to love going out with my family to pubs and parties to hear the traditional folk music and to celebrate our heritage this time of year.

It was one of the few opportunities I had to hear live the music I love so much that played year-round on my father's record player. It was a treasure I held very dear.

But as the years have gone by I've seen many things change. What used to be celebrations that valued good times and family have now become drunken orgies that mock the traditions in many bars and restaurants. You can't get in the door to most pubs

St. Patrick's Day weekend or to any bar for that matter.

Most of the time the music is not even traditional (if you can hear it at all) and everyone looking for an excuse to spend the weekend drunk is there, Irish or not.

I've never had a problem with the non-Irish celebrating the holiday, but at what point is it nothing but a mockery? Many bars and restaurants sponsored activities that were tasteless, such as a green thong contest and serving green beer.

They may have even brought in a band or dancers for a 10-minute show to which no one paid attention, but then it probably went back to nothing but partying

After witnessing all of this, the paper leprechauns, the silly hats and the fake accents start to take their toll.

Year after year, I feel like no one is honoring my heritage or understanding what it really means to be Irish. Instead of honoring the accomplishments of the Irish, we seem to just use the holiday as an excuse to party.

The holiday holds no great significance to me religiously as I'm not Catholic, but I'm finding it hard to find any other meaning in it at all.

I'm also finding my opinion is in the minority, even among the native Irish.

An acquaintance here at the office who lived in Ireland most of his life told me that the holiday

is not much different in the old country than it is here. He told me most Irish do not have a problem with the whole celebration and what it has become. I had to think about this for a long time. Then I remembered, as most Irish Americans have apparently do not, that the Irish were once considered a minority in America. We were poor, with thick accents and many stereotypes trailing our path. "No Irish Wanted" signs appeared in many windows as immigrants looked for work.

Despite all this, we managed to succeed in America, even after being oppressed by the British for more than 800 years. The fact that St. Patrick's Day has become mainstream I guess is a feather

in our cap. It's also evidence of our melting pot culture trying to maintain diversity.

I've often wondered if Mexican Americans are offended by the increasing celebration of Cinco de Mayo in the mainstream culture. Maybe it's a sign that minorities are gaining more respect. As long as these holidays don't turn into mockeries with little meaning, like Mardi Gras, I guess there's no problem with it. In the meantime, I will try to reconstruct the meaning of the holiday for myself while sipping a little green beer behind closed doors next year. But I won't buy a green thong anytime soon, thank you.



Isn't it ironic?

by Heather Connor

Tales - Women's stories are timeless

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ever, tribes sometimes stopped there overnight. On one such occasion, while the men were called to militia service in 1832, an Indian, drunk, entered the White's home and announced that the house was now his. While her relatives cowered, Louisa demanded that he leave. When he refused, she raised a hot frying pan from the fireplace and, with a few well-placed swings, persuaded him that he was mistaken about the owner-

ship of the home.

There are many stories of women whose strength and desire for a good life for their families made the Michigan wilderness inhabitable.

In this Women's History Month, it would be nice to dust off some of those seldom-heard stories.

I know that a lot of guys prefer to commemorate Women's History Month by using the phrase, "So tell me about yourself"

A better way, I think, is to pick up a copy of The Women's Great Lakes Reader, by Victoria Brehm. (\$19.95, Ladyslipper Press) One of its stories is Ann Jameson's account of her 1838 trip to Sault St. Marie.

It is one of the most interesting Michigan pioneer stories I have ever read.

Remember that history does not have to be a ponderous chore. If told well, it is just a good story.

LETTERS

Senator applauds governor's priorities

To the editor;

I would like to applaud Gov. Granholm for making education her top priority. Granholm's budget preserves the \$6,700 per pupil state funding grant and keeps funding for at-risk programs. Too often when cuts have to be made, the students who need more attention lose out because at-risk programs are an additional cost to the per-pupil funding. In the long run, however, cutting at-risk

programs causes more problems for society and costs far more than funding the programs.

Thank you Gov. Granholm for understanding that the best way to secure a long term prosperous Michigan is by investing in our children and their education. Thank you also for showing that at-risk students, average students and advantaged students are all equally important in this one Michigan.

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Flower power

Belleville gardener looks to improve city environment

Michele Gibson Pierson is in a growth industry...literally.

The Master Gardener is the official city gardener in Belleville, and is responsible for all the plantings, flowers and gardens the city maintains.

Pierson, a 14-year resident of Van Buren Township, has been a master gardener since 1994 and has worked for the City of Belleville since 1999. She said when people come to Belleville she doesn't want people to have to look for city hall. They should know it by the flowers and fragrance. When drivers are in traffic at the Five Points intersection they should have something to look at, she said. When the police come back to the station from a difficult run she wants them to return to a beautiful place.

"I want city hall to be a vision of beauty. I want it to be fragrant, beautiful and eye-catching," Pierson said. After losing her brother last year shortly after Belleville Pride Day in May, she planted a flowerbed in Victory

Park North in his memory, using orange marigolds and blue salvias for the colors of his favorite football team, the Denver Broncos.

Pierson said she plans to renovate and redesign five of the most prominent city gardens this season, including both north and south Victory parks, the Five Points Flagpole, the Fourth and Liberty parking lot beds and the gardens at city hall. Upcoming building renovations to city hall will necessitate the renovation of the gardens. Pierson has also started many plants from seed this year that will eventually find homes in the renovated gardens. She said she is always looking for ways to save the city money when planning the landscapes. Pierson, who also heads the Belleville Area Garden Club, spearheaded the city effort for recognition in the America in Bloom (AIB) program last year. Belleville was recognized for involving the community and local businesses in beautifying



City Landscaper Michele Gibson Pierson is raising flowers from seed to plant in the spring in front of Belleville City Hall. Pierson said master gardeners enjoy experimenting with new flowers and plants.

the downtown area. The Angel of Hope statue, an ongoing memorial for deceased children located at Hillside Cemetery, was also recognized for the creativity of the garden planted around it.

The AIB program annually recognizes communities for beautification efforts and offers advice and suggestions for improvement to each community. Belleville participated in the category for communities populated by 10,000 residents or less.

Pierson said she learned from the AIB judges who visited the

city that flowers signal how residents feel about their community. She said many communities invest in flowers and landscaping but don't take care of them.

"It's not just about flowers, it's about the community," she said.

The city prepared for the AIB judges' visit, according to Pierson. Many downtown businesses prepared their landscapes diligently and it brought the members of the community together, she said.

A dream of Pierson's is to establish a program where peo-

ple sentenced to community service in the court system would work in a city-owned greenhouse where vegetables and flowers are grown. She said she'd like to model it after a similar program established in Westland called the Community Service Greenhouse and Gardens. The flowers grown in Westland are planted in front of municipal buildings and city-owned properties and the vegetables are donated to local shelters. Pierson said a program like this would benefit Belleville.

Newest Van Buren patrolman completing training

Frank Shuler was studying to be an architect.

But he decided that just wasn't going to be enough action for him.

So, he changed his major to law enforcement and is now one of the newest members of the Van Buren Township police force.

Shuler, 24, of Belleville is nearing the completion of his field training and will soon be on his own, patrolling township streets.

A native of Cadillac, Shuler graduated from Marion High School in Marion and received a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from Ferris State University in Big Rapids.

He received his police training from the Michigan Police Corps, hosted by Ferris State, graduating in May 2002.

Shuler joined the Van Buren Police Department through the Michigan Police Corps' cooperative arrangement with several police departments throughout

the state. Under this program, new recruits can be reimbursed for up to \$30,000 in school expenses if they sign a four-year contract with a participating department.

The recruit is glad he switched careers.

"I started out in architecture, but then I decided that my life wasn't going to be sitting behind a desk."

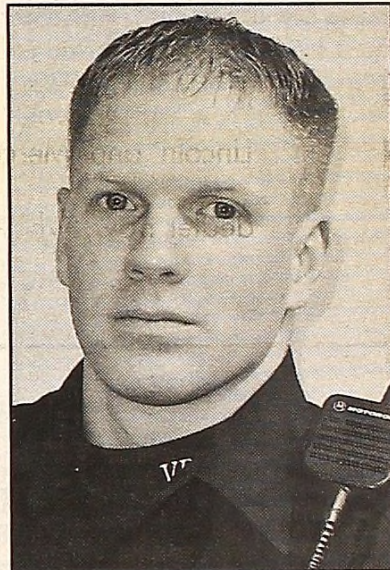
Shuler moved to police work because of the variety. "It's something different every day, and I'd

always had a fascination with law enforcement," he said.

In his spare time, Shuler enjoys weight lifting, basketball and flag football.

He said he's pleased to be a new member of the Van Buren force.

"I think Van Buren Township is a growing community and that's one of the reasons I chose to come here. I want to witness that continued growth, plus everybody in the department has been very helpful," he said.



Frank Shuler



Romulus Middle School staff and students donated their hair to the Locks of Love nonprofit organization last week, including (from left): Betty Santo, life management teacher; Heather Baval, Gay Warren and Kathleen Hall.

Students donate hair to charity

Several students and teachers from Romulus Middle School recently trimmed their tresses for the Locks of Love nonprofit organization.

Staff at Dave's Barber Shop in Romulus donated their time to cut four of the ladies' locks. The national organization will use the hair to make wigs and hairpieces for children who need them.

Donors are asked to cut at least 10 inches of their hair to help children who have lost their own during medical treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer.

Betty Santo, life management teacher and head of the Student Leadership group, organized the hair drive. She said the cost for a youth hair-

piece can be as much as \$3,000 and that donations help to bring down that price.

Students who donated their hair included Heather Baval, Haleigh Baval, Taylor Cobb, Ashley Horyn and Teela Carroll.

Staff members who contributed to the charity were Gay Warren, Kathleen Hall, Cari Turkow and Santo.

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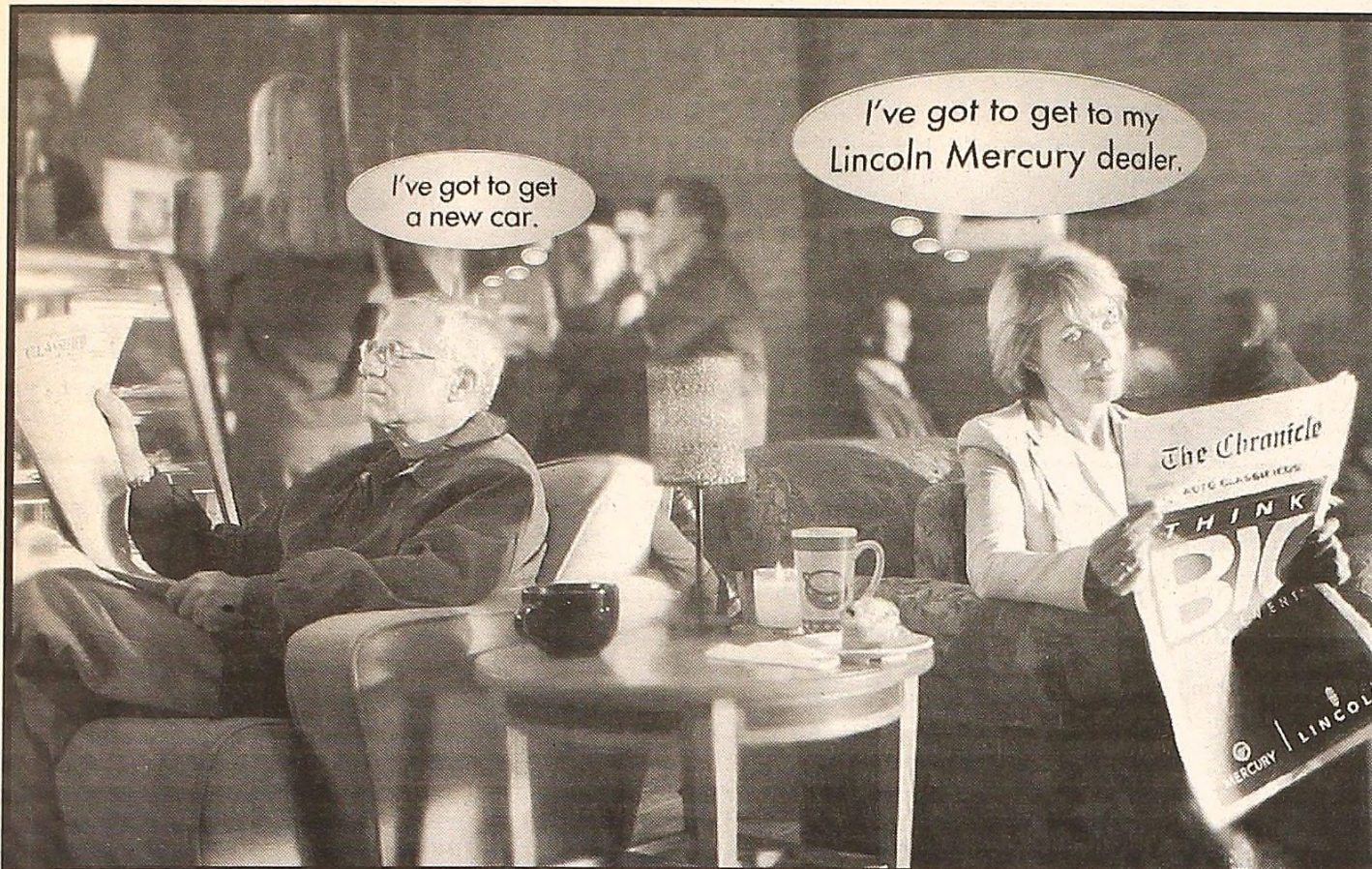


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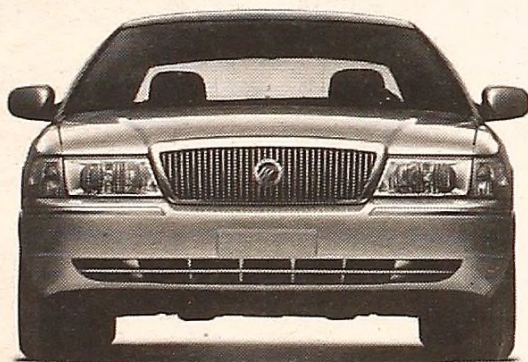


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Police and chamber of commerce warn of area scam

The Westland Police Department is working with the Westland Chamber of Commerce to help publicize the latest potential money scam.

Lt Jim Ridener said the latest incident took place last Tuesday when a caller tried to bilk the Baker's Square in Westland about of more than \$720.

A caller asked an employee

there to take money out of the safe in order to help a store manager, whom the caller said was involved in a drunken driving accident.

The caller wanted someone from the store to come to a 7-11 store near Warren and Middlebelt so the manager could have his vehicle towed before the police arrived, according to

Ridener.

"They knew names and options," he said. "They offered some information; it wasn't just a call asking someone to bring the money".

A timely call from the named manager helped raise suspicion in the case, however. He called to tell store employees that he was on his way back from Chicago,

and said he hadn't been in any accident, according to Ridener.

He said a similar scam has been reported in Canton Township and Livonia, when an unidentified person calls in to a business, lists the name of an employee and solicits funds to help them out.

Anyone receiving such a call should treat it with extreme

skepticism, and call the police, Ridener said.

He said he would be giving a list of tips to businesses to help them avoid that type of scam and any other ones.

It should be in the next chamber newsletter mailed out to chamber members.

"We just want to help get the word out," said Ridener.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 3, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles, Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak by Prybyla to approve the agenda as amended.****

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-083

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 24, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain -Romak. Motion Carried.

03-084

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve a No Fee permit for the Romulus Ministerial Association for their annual Good Friday March from five points to the Romulus Historic Park on April 18, 2003 beginning at noon.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-085

4A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and proceed as directed in the case of EDS vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Romak, Miller. Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-086

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to appoint Carl Brooks, Interim D.P.W. Director as Street Administrator for the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-087

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to approve the Stormwater Permit Application for permitted stormwater activities in the Rouge Watershed and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Item deleted at Mayor's request.

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-19 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenues				
101-4110.511.74-72	Soil Erosion Permits	0	19,900	19,900
Expenditures				
101-4110-741.77-42	Contractual - Soil Erosion	0	19,900	19,900

To recognize the revenues and the expenditures for the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control permit program through the Department of Public Works.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-089

5E. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-20 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Major Streets				
Expenditures				
202-4320-742.73-05	Oper. Winter Maint	50,000	12,000	62,000
Major Streets				
Fund Balance				
Undesignated		1,617,532	(12,000)	1,605,532
Local Streets				
Expenditures				
203-4330-742.73-05	Oper. Winter Maint	50,000	12,000	62,000
Local Streets				
Fund Balance				
Undesignated		87,569	(12,000)	75,569

To appropriate additional funds to cover current bulk road salt charges and the additional purchase of another 800 tons to cover the rest of the year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-090

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to designate May 29, 2003 through June 1, 2003 for the City Wide Yard Sale with a rain date of June 5-8, 2003 and authorize the issuance of no fee permits for residents participating.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-091

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to reject Bid 02/03-16 for Elected Officials Composite Photo and grant authorization to purchase the photo from Unique Dreams Studio.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-092

5H. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to reject Bid 02/03-40 and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Michael Cement Company for the demolition of structures on Demolition List 02-02.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 3, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS

Small car, big win Wayne man takes 1st place

Wayne resident Bobby Jackson realized a dream last week when he beat a former Indy car racer Mel Kenyon – and 10 other drivers – to earn a first place prize at a midget car race at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

Jackson, 35, and 6' 3" tall, said he tends to draw a few second glances from other racers as he climbs into the midget racers – they're about three-quarters the size of traditional sprint cars, but with engines that throw out as much as 350 horsepower they accelerate just as fast or faster than Indy 500 race cars.

Last weekend, he found himself squaring off against Kenyon at the indoor track in the coliseum at the fairgrounds. Jackson, a race enthusiast all his life and a racer for most of it, said the small cars were about the most exciting thing to drive.

Jackson has had his own midget racer in the past, but this one was owned by Dave Ferman, and sponsored by Total Mortgage of Livonia and Keller-Williams Realty.

He said his lap times translated into an average speed of about 62 miles an hour, which is fairly

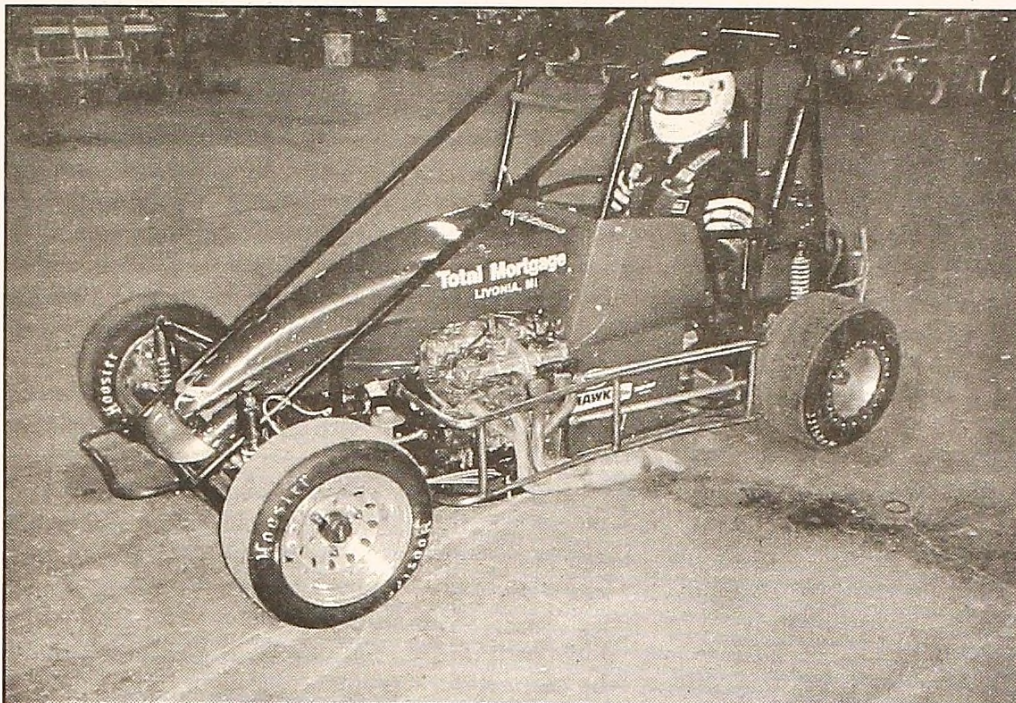
breathhtaking when you're racing around a track about the size of a hockey rink.

"People think: 'What's the big deal? That's the speed limit,'" he said. "But if you put that into a small arena and add 10 other people, it's a whole new game."

Fate played into his hands in the final heat of the race, he said. He and the other 11 drivers showed up Friday for practice runs. The initial heats changed the feel of the track, he said. Race tracks are constantly changing, which means the drivers have to continually adapt to road conditions. At the coliseum, the rubber the drivers left on the track changed the turning conditions. Jackson said as the race went on, his car didn't handle as well and he was forced to slow down more going into the curves.

"Everyone else started going faster because they were handling better," he said.

Just before the final race, though, a car in a different heat blew an engine and oiled down the entire track. It was cleaned up before the midget race, but the added slickness was all Jackson needed.



At 6-foot, 3-inches tall, Wayne resident Bobby Jackson is nearly as large as the "midget" cars he loves to race.

"It played right into my hands," he said. "We were very fortunate."

Jackson said he's been interested in racing since he was a kid. His father often used to take the family to Michigan International Speedway, and the constant exposure sparked his interest. When he was able to, he raced go-carts at Willis Speedway in Flat Rock.

Competing with the big name professionals is a bit out of reach, for now, he said.

"I never had the money to compete with any of those guys," he said. "Their engines cost \$30,000. My truck doesn't even

cost that much."

The competition is an intense as the acceleration, he said.

"People don't realize the type of force the driving exerts on you," he said. "The concentration level is enormous. That's what makes a great ace car driver."

He said he hopes to join up with a new racing series, the Automotive Racing Championship of America (ARCA) series that will take place throughout Michigan at places like Auto City in Flint or the Spartan Speedway in Lansing. He'll be in 11 more races this year, two of which will take place at the Michigan State Fair.

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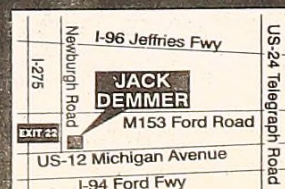
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Inkster bows out after regional quarter final

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Inkster Vikings' stellar season came to an abrupt end Thursday night.

The Vikings ran into a Detroit St. Martin DePorres team that was a little too strong for their short-handed squad – they played without Duane Jones, who had to sit out with an injury.

"That left us with no inside pressure," said Inkster Coach Steve Brooks.

Brooks said that Jones aggravated the ankle at the regional semifinal game against Benedictine, but he played on it last Tuesday in a solid victory against Whitmore Lake.

"It just got too unbearable for him," Brooks said. "You don't want to take a chance on the kids."

The Vikings were further hampered when Victor Morris took a nasty spill on a drive to the basket.

He slipped and fell, landing on his tailbone. He continued to play, but the fall hobbled him for most of the game, according to Brooks.

Without Jones in the lineup, and with Morris at less than 100 percent, the Vikings put up a season low 36 points in the regional championship game last Thursday.

They lost 50-36.

"I don't think we were ever behind for that long," said

Brooks.

"The kids saw Duane down and (Morris) hurt and they got caught up in the moment. We had quite a few ill-advised shots."

The Eagles of dePorres took an early lead against the Vikings with an 11-8 first quarter.

Each team traded baskets in the second, and it was still a three-point game at the half, 21-18.

"We really didn't get the offense going," Brooks said.

The Eagles started to pull away in the third period, scoring 16 and allowing 11 to increase their lead to eight points.

They kept the Vikings to only seven points in the fourth quarter.

Brooks said that freshman Wodale Payne, who started the game in place of Jones, did a good job of setting the defensive tone. Brandon Dawson, who led the Vikings with nine points on the night, also did a good job of shutting down offensive whirlwind Brandon Cottonhill.

The Vikings bowed out at 22-2 overall.

"You hate to go out like that, but the kids had a great season," Brooks said.

Inkster 78, Whitmore Lake 50

For the third time in as many weeks, the Vikings had to take on a team at their home gym and earn the right to advance into the

playoffs.

They were triumphant again last Tuesday against the Trojans of Whitmore Lake.

Brooks said the Vikings played the late game that night, and saw dePorres beat their opponent before they took the floor.

"We tried to play an up-tempo game, because we knew it would be a dangerous game," Brooks said. "We didn't want to get caught looking ahead."

The Vikings took care of business in relatively short order, he said.

They took a 26-13 lead after the first quarter and a 43-30 lead into half time. They kept the Trojans to only five points in the third quarter.

Morris led the Vikings with 24 points on the night.

Payne put up 11 and Tony French scored 10 points, brought back 11 rebounds and have five blocked shots.

Brooks said they Vikings had plenty to be proud of in a season that brought them their second consecutive district title.

"Twenty-two and two is not a bad season, especially because we lost one of those at the buzzer," he said. "The kids don't have any reason to hang their heads."

"I want to thank the community for their support," he added. "The kids needed it and they appreciated it. They realized they could achieve what they set

out to achieve."

The Vikings are losing the big three to graduation, including Morris, Dawson and Jones.

Brooks said a good core group of kids would return though, and he hoped to build another successful year on that.

"We've got a good nucleus coming back," he said.

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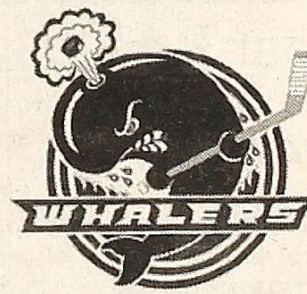
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Belleville squares off against Wyandotte in quarter finals

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Belleville Tigers finished off their last two opponents with the same formula that has been successful for them all year – they used a combination of well-rounded offense and strong defense to sweep through the regional tournament last week.

Friday night they matched up against Dearborn in a regional quarter-final game. The Pioneers proved a scrappy foe, but the Tigers eventually dispatched them 59-44.

Belleville took the lead in the first quarter, 15-8. They outscored the Pioneers 12-10 in the second quarter to take a 27-18 lead into half time, according to Belleville Coach Mike Krogel.

That's when the Pioneers started to battle back. A couple of Tigers turnovers and a couple of missed shots resulted in a three-minute scoring drought, Krogel said. At the same time, the Pioneers were hitting nearly everything they threw toward the basket.

They rallied and came within three points, 34-31, in the third quarter and Krogel said he felt the momentum slipping away.

"We couldn't knock down a shot in the third quarter," Krogel said. "We were struggling to get it going in the middle of the third."

"We got off to a good start and carried it for the entire game."

Coach Mike Krogel

There was less than two minutes to play in the third when Alex Davenport gave the Tigers the momentum they nearly lost. He hit two big three pointers to close out the third, but the Pioneer outscored Belleville 15-13 in that period.

"It really broke that spell for us and got us going for the fourth quarter," Krogel said.

The score was 40-33 going into the fourth in favor of Belleville. The Pioneers weren't done yet, though. They fought back again and made it a two-possession game with about four minutes left to play, 44-40.

Martin Samarco kick-started the offense after that. He put up the first two points in a 10-0 run that sealed the game for the Tigers.

Darryl Hudson was 10 for 10 from the line in the fourth quarter, too.

"That kind of sealed it for us," Krogel said.

Davenport led the team with 17 points, 12 rebounds and four steals. Samarco ended up with 13 points on the night and Hudson had 12 points. Danny DeLaTorre had 10 points, three assists and three steals.

Belleville 77, Wyandotte 45

The Tigers outscored the Bears in every quarter last Tuesday to earn the right to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

They outscored Wyandotte 16-7 in the first and 12-7 in the second to take a 28-14 lead into halftime.

"We got off to a good start and carried it for the entire game," Krogel said.

A 29-16 third quarter and a 20-15 fourth were all the Tigers needed.

Samarco led the team with 15 points. Hudson put up 13, Davenport contributed 13 and 10 rebounds. Tyler Jones put up 10 points, Melvin Moore had seven and Greg Bond had five in the well-rounded scoring effort.

The two wins set up a match against Detroit Murray-Wright, which took place after press time on Tuesday. Krogel said the Tigers faced a difficult task.

"They're a really good team," he said. "They only have a couple of losses this year. They've got a good resumé going into the game. We'll have to put forth one heck of an effort to have a chance."

Plymouth Whalers head for post season, again

Scott Spielman
Editor

Once again, the Plymouth Whalers managed to turn a 'rebuilding year' into another strong season. They finished with a 43-14-9-2 record, which was the third best in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

"It was expected by a lot of people, but the kids played hard," said Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "They deserve all the credit."

The Whalers put together two more wins this weekend to close out the regular season at Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth 6, Sault Ste. Marie, 2

Chris Thorburn earned a hat trick and Chad LaRose sealed his name in the Whaler record books Friday night when the Greyhounds came to town.

LaRose scored his 61st game of the season, breaking the record previously held by Sean Haggerty.

"(LaRose) Didn't miss a single game all season," said Vellucci. "He had a great year. We sat him out in the last game because he was tired. He's played a lot of hockey for us this year."

The Greyhounds came out aggressively in the first period, and outshot the host team 20-14. Even so, it was the Whalers who found the net first when Thorburn scored his first of the night at the 15:01 mark. LaRose got an assist on the play.

The Greyhounds tied it up in the second period, and that set the stage for LaRose's record-setting shot. It came with less than two seconds left in the period, a laser shot over the shoulder of Greyhound Goalie Joey Biasucci.

Plymouth had four goals in the third period to ice the win.

Plymouth 3, Kitchener 2

The score was closer Saturday

night, but the outcome probably even more heartfelt when the Whalers topped the Rangers in overtime. The Rangers, helmed by former Whaler Coach Pete DeBoer, are one of two teams that finished the season with a better record than Plymouth.

John Vigilante sealed it for the Whalers with a goal at the 2:43 mark of the first overtime period, cheered on by an ecstatic, sold-out crowd.

The Whalers took a two-goal lead in the first period off a pair of power play goals. John Mitchell took the first one and David Liffiton knocked home the second. LaRose assisted Mitchell and Jonas Fiedler and Nate Kiser assisted on the Liffiton tally.

Whaler goalie Jeff Weber turned away 35 shots in the win.

Windsor 1, Plymouth 1

The Whalers finished off the regular season against their cross-river rivals Sunday afternoon.

Whenever the two teams get together, there's usually just as much boxing as skating, and this game proved no different.

Neither team scored until the third period. Tim Sestito tallied for the Whalers. Weber made 36 saves in the tie.

The Plymouth Whalers will kick off the playoffs Saturday against Owen Sound.

"I feel very good about our team this year," said Vellucci. "We played hard right until the end, even when there wasn't a lot at stake. The guys are very motivated – you can see it in their eyes."

They'll need that motivation against the Attack, which is one of the few teams that had some success against the Whalers this season. But Vellucci pointed out that the squad was short-handed when they tussled before, and he would have the benefit of fielding



The Plymouth Whalers finished out their regular season at home with a win Saturday night. The sold out crowd watched the Whalers beat Kitchener, 3-2 in overtime, above. Canton Township resident James Wisniewski at right, celebrates with his teammates after a late goal on Saturday.

a team that has maintained its momentum down the stretch.

The Attack finished the regular season with a 27-30-7-4 record, but Vellucci said he wasn't going to take anything for granted.

"They're a good team," he said. "They were one of the hottest teams in the league after the break. It's going to be a tough, tough match up."

The first game takes place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The Whalers return for game three on Tuesday and game five on Saturday, if necessary.



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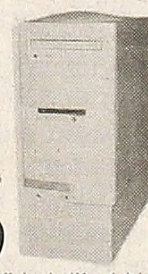
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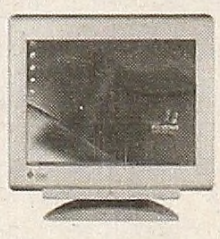
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March 26, 2003
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1MELM5005PA669854
4 Door - 03-15400
1990 Lincoln
1LNCM9748LY827034
4 Door - 03-1061
1990 Lincoln Towncar
1LNLMB1FOLY715445
4 Door - 03-1195
1993 Ford Festiva
KNJPT05H4P6102653
2 Door - 03-1262
1986 Kawasaki
KAW46922B686
03-1410
1989 Ford
1ZVBT22L2K5278453
2 Door - 03-1547
1991 Ford Escort
1FAPP1286MW275027
2 Door - 03-1548
1987 Cadillac
1G6CD5188H4250130
4 Door - 03-1549
1989 Volkswagen
9BWGA0300KP003276
4 Door - 03-1550
1983 Buick
1G4AN37Y7DH451092
2 Door - 03-1561
1993 Ford Taurus
1FACP53UOPG223313
4 Door - 03-1562
1986 Ford Pickup
1FTEF25YXGLA12521
2 Door - 03-1635
1991 Oldsmobile
1G3NL14Y9MM004353
2 Door - 03-1734
1990 Pontiac
1G2AF54L96257684
4 Door - 03-1759
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1G2AF54L96257684
4 Door - 03-1759
1987 Ford
1FABP36X7HK250643
4 Door - 03-1800
1989 Ford LGT Conv.
1FTEF14N6KLA20903
2 Door - 03-A-117
1986 Chevrolet
2G1AW19R5G1229002
4 Door - 03-A-154

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4T1SV21E4LU254707
4 Door - 02-16611
1997 Ford Escort
1FALP13P7VW284177
4 Door - 03-105
1994 Ford
1FTEX15N0RKC03046
Pickup - 03-634
1980 Dodge Ram Van
2B6HB21Y4KK390202
Sta. Wagon - 03-954
1992 Ford Tempo
1FAPP36X4NK136214
4 Door - 03-1028
1990 Dodge
1B3BA46K6LF883577
4 Door - 03-1108
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1MELM53S4VA600130
03-1301

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1G2HX51C5JW276276
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1FTHS24H6RHA92481
03-1437
1990 Chevrolet Cavalier
1G1JC14G9L7135068
2 Door - 03-1461
1987 Honda
JHMCAS544HC027911
4 Door - 03-1500
1987 Ford
1FDYY90X0HA54566
Pickup - 03-1503
1978
P624297
03-1504
1984 Trailmobile
APT01AAH8E9001648
Trailer - 03-1505
1988 BMW
WBACJ9505B6785605
4 Door - 03-1507
1988 Chevrolet
1G1JC1117JJ108497
2 Door - 03-1552
1996 Chevrolet Corsica
1G1LD5540T212115
4 Door - 03-1637
1989 Ford
1FAPP9098KW343187
2 Door - 03-1667
1988 Mercury Marquis
2MEBM75F5JX613400
4 Door - 03-1684
1988 Chevrolet Astrovan
1GCCM15ZJXB229841
03-1774
1963 Garwood
ES3S74495
Trailer - 03-1817
2002 Honda
JH3TE19002K708914
4 Wheel - 03-1862
1990 Oldsmobile Del 88
1G3HN54C8LH327371
4 Door - 03-16709
2000 Dodge
1B3EJ46X3YN128344
4 Door - 03-A-6
1989 GMC
1GKCT18Z4K0514101
Sta. Wagon - 03-A-17
1994 GMC Sierra
1GTDC14Z1RZ554163
Pickup - 03-A-110
2001 Ford Explorer
1FMZU77E71UB58380
Sport Trac - 03-A-131
2000 Chevrolet Lumina
2G1WL52J5Y1250332
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A03-18
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A03-67
1991 Chevrolet Blazer
1GNCS18Z3M0210718
A03-72
1987 Chevrolet Van
2GBEG25K4131684
CAD030030046
1989 GMC Vandura
2GTEG25H0K4524220
CAD030270084
1991 Ford Tempo
2FAPP35X6MB162694
CAD030270089
1988 Honda Accord
1HGCA5532JA076844
CAD030280062
1988 Buick Century
1G4AH51W5JT441485
CAD030280109
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1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass
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CAD030410064
1989 Ford Aerostar
1FTDA14U9KZA15600
CAD030410064
1992 Ford Festiva
KNJPT06H7N6104117
CAD030410070
1992 Dodge Shadow
1B3XP64KXNN200825
CAD030450066
1984 Ford F-150
1FTEF14H5ELA35181
CAD030520063
1992 Chevrolet
1GBEG25K4L7144125
C02-4286
1992 Toyota Tercel
JT2EL46B9N0239236
C03-107
1984 Pontiac Firebird
1G2AS8716EN206319
C03-285
1979 Oldsmobile Del. 88

3N69R9M324843
C03-360
1989 Chevrolet Caprice
1G1BU51E1KA156333
C03-372
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1C3BF66P5JW128543
C03-454
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C03-500

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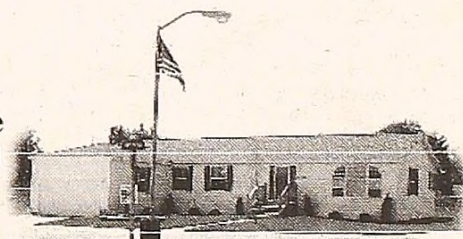
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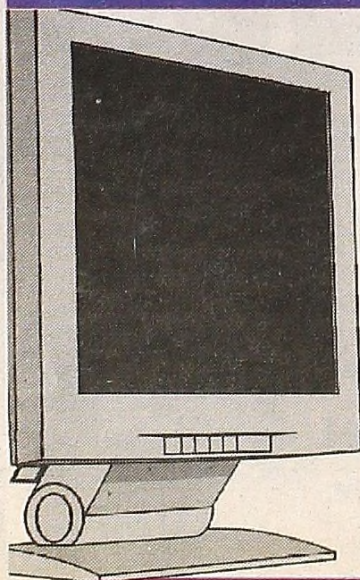
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